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SUBJECT: AZOREAN INDEPENDENCE

D. GILLIES CALLED PORTUGUESE DESK JULY 23 TO SAY THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED TO THE U.S. AND LEARNED THAT FRANCISCO GOMES (WHO WAS IN RICHMOND VISITING GILLIES' FAMILY) DEPARTED SUDDENLY FOR PARIS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT THERE WITH THE PORTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY (ELP) GILLIES SAID THAT HE IS POSITIVE THE FLA PLANS TO TAKE SOME ACTION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. HE ALSO SAID THAT SOME FLA MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES' SISTER IN LAW, RESIDENT IN THE AZORES, SUPPORTS THE MOVEMENT AND HAS BEEN PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE PRESIDENT.

FOR PONTA DELGADA: WE UNDERSTAND THAT GILLIES ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE CONSULATE WHILE VISITING THE AZORES AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON EXTENT OF HIS CONTACT WITH FLA LEADERS THERE. KISSINGER

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